



## Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives

Alaska Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing  
October 26, 2022

By the authority of AS 08.065.020 and in compliance with the provision of AS 44.62, Article 6, a scheduled videoconference meeting of the Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives was held June 1, 2022; 333 Willoughby Ave, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, Division Director's Office, Juneau, AK.

**Members Present:** Chair Bethel Belisle, Hannah St. George, Darcy Lucey, Rachel Pugh

**Staff Present:** Division Director Sara Chambers. AAG Megyn Grieder

**Public Present:** Various midwives, MAA president Mary Yanagawa, applicants Vanessa Williams and Laura Lemons

**1. Call to order**

**2. Approve agenda and minutes**

**Motion (Pugh): Approve agenda and minutes from August 19 as presented.** Second (Lucey); Passed unanimously

**3. Disclosure of conflicts of interest per AS 39.52.220**

Belisle, Pugh, St. George: none; Lucey: Conflict with license applications and request recusal to be discussed later in the agenda

**4. Review proposed regulations and public comment**

The board reviewed the proposed draft and discussed the written comments received. AAG Megyn Grieder assisted with a few technical questions and general advice to the board. After deliberation, the board adopted the regulations with the following amendments:

**Motion (Pugh): Delete 12 AAC 14.500(a)(4).** Second (Lucey)  
Passed unanimously

**Motion (Pugh): Delete .500(a)(22) "licensed certified nurse midwife";** Second (Lucey)  
Passed unanimously

**Motion (Pugh): Reword 12 AAC 14.570 (7) "medications for the control and treatment of postpartum hemorrhage, including uterotonic agents, oxytocin, methylergonovine, carboprost tromethamine, tranexamic acid, and misoprostol."** Second (Lucey)  
Passed unanimously

In reviewing the public comments, the chair mentioned that wording was taken from the CDM standards to ensure alignment and consistency. She clarified that the practice guidelines required as a CPM include these definitions.

**Motion (Pugh): Adopt proposed regulations as amended.** Second (Lucey)

Passed unanimously

Chambers will send the chair the certification papers via DocuSign. The chair thanked AAG Grieder for her assistance with this project.

**5. Executive Session to Review and discuss Management Letter No. 1 from Legislative Audit**

**Motion: (Pugh) Enter executive session to discuss matters required to be confidential per state law.** Second (Lucey); Passed unanimously

Enter exec session at 10:45; Exit executive session at 11:00

Break until 11:10

**6. Review and approve FY22 Annual Report**

Chambers to update with placeholders/edits:

- Delete reference to Secretary
- Add in-person meeting for legislative session
- Add national conference
- Check if memberships are needed/available
- Edit audit rec #3: Completed in regulations

**Motion: (Pugh) Adopt the FY22 annual report with amendments.** Second (Lucey)  
Passed unanimously

**7. Discuss year-end fiscal report**

**Motion (Pugh) Recommend not lowering midwife fees and lowering apprentice fees.**  
Second (Lucey); Passed unanimously

**8. Quarterly investigative report**

Investigator Bond provided the report and stated that there are only two open cases as of today.

**9. Review license applications**

Darcy Lucey requested to be recused since she has an employment relationship with the applicants. The board discussed, and they felt Lucey's insights would be valuable to the discussion. The chair asked if Lucey could remain unbiased in the deliberation and Lucey affirmed she could. The chair denied her request for recusal.

On a motion of the board that was unanimously approved, they entered executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310(c)(2) and invited staff and applicants Lemons and Williams to join them.

After about an hour's deliberation, the board went back on the record.

**Motion: To issue a midwife certification to Laura Lemons (Lucey, St. George) Pugh opposed.** Motion passed.

**Motion: Table Williams until Nov 16 to gather more information (Pugh, St. George) Lucey opposed.** Motion passed.

**10. Public comment**

Bethany Kirilov asked when she should renew her apprentice permit. Chair Belisle said regulations have not changed and to follow current rules.

Mary Yanagawa asked for a copy of the public comments on the regulations project adopted today. Director Chambers said to just email her and she can provide them to her.

**11. New business**

Chair Belisle requested staff draft a letter explaining to insurance companies the license extension to March. This can be posted online for licensees to send, as necessary.

The chair recognized Yanagawa, who requested clarification on when regulations that were just adopted will become effective. She mentioned that there are student permits expiring in November and wondered if they could contact Chambers for further information on how best to move forward. Chambers provided her email address so anyone with questions could reach out directly.

**12. Motion to adjourn (Pugh, Lucey); Passed unanimously**

I certify these meeting minutes are true and correct to the best of my knowledge:

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Bethel Belisle, Chair

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Sara Chambers, Division Director